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# VOICE

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## Students Should Take Time Out For God

**"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is..."**

**Hebrews 10:25**

Often when students leave home for college, they stray from regular church attendance, but, according to one local pastor, it is a necessity in all of our lives.

"The scripture mandates that there is a spiritual need in us, and the church meets that need," said the Rev. Christopher R. Battle, pastor of Bowling Green's largest and oldest black church, State Street Baptist.

Battle, who became pastor of State Street almost three years ago when he was 25 years old, said he received the calling from God to preach when he was a sophomore at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga.

Battle, (a native of Cincinnati, Ohio) strives to provide a comfortable environment at State Street, where Western students will feel at home.

"I'm friends with many of the students. I've had a chance to share with many of them, Battle said. "We give them a home away from home and aid them in any way we can."

Many Western students can be seen at Sunday morning services at State Street. Dennis Jones, a senior from Wheatcroft, Ky., can usually

be found in the audience on Sunday.

"I'm able to relate to what he (Battle) says because he is one of my peers," Jones said. "He makes learning about being a Christian fun, and I leave service without feeling guilty like some preachers make you feel."

Battle said many students get discouraged about attending church because they expect their new church to be like the one at home. When this happens, Battle said students must decide whether they are looking for home or "a place to worship God in spirit and in truth."

Those who "sleep in" on Sunday mornings may believe they can do just fine without attending church, but, Battle said, "When we are not being edified and equipped by the community of faith, we fall short."

Although everyone is not called to preach or pastor a church, Battle said we all have a calling. "God has a mission and design for everyone's lives," Battle said. "The calling is realizing that plan."

by Gwendolyn Fountain

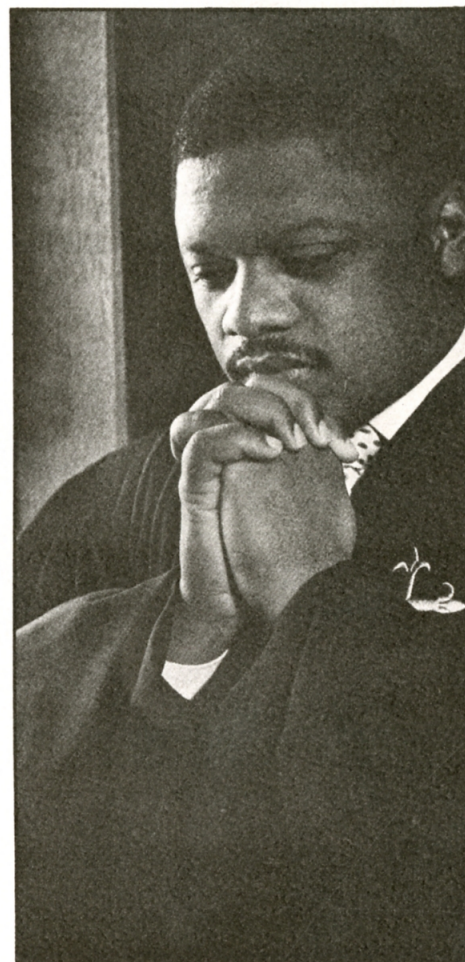


photo by Amy Deputy

**"There is a spiritual need in us, and the church meets that need."**

Inside: Tribute To Black History



# DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

Voices from the past speak today!

*Soon I will be done  
With the troubles of this world  
the troubles of this world  
the troubles of this world  
I'm going home to live with God  
—Spiritual*



**Harriet Tubman**  
1821-1913

Often a look back in the past can enrich the future. Our forefathers and mothers sang songs, preached sermons, and spoke simple words of encouragement that aided them in their time of struggle. Many of these same words from yesterday still speak to us today, if we listen closely.

*When the load bears down so heavy, that the weight is shown upon your brow, there's a sweet relief in knowing, that the Lord will make a way, somehow.  
—Spiritual*

## *Editor's Message*

February was black history month and America took time to honor great leaders and heroes such as Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, Malcolm X, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

With programs and marches, we remembered and celebrated black history, but in our efforts I wonder if we heard the message from the past that tell us to keep the faith and to continue our fight to gain full equality.

Many of the voices from the days of slavery and segregation speak expressly to us today on a variety of subjects.

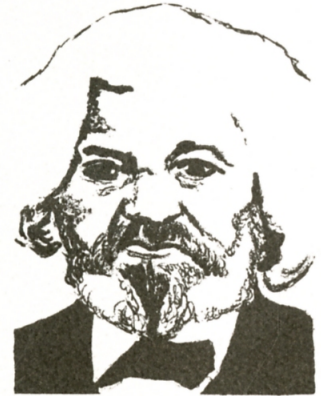


**Malcolm X**  
1926-1965

## For education:

"Education is our passport to the future for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today."

Malcolm X



**Frederick Douglass**  
1817-1895

## When times get rough:

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress."

Frederick Douglass

## On achieving excellence:

"It must be borne in mind that the tragedy in life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach. It isn't a calamity to die with dreams unfulfilled, but it is a calamity not to dream. It is not a disaster to be unable to capture your ideal, but it is a disaster to have no idea to capture. It is not a disgrace not to reach the stars, but it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach for. Not failure, but low aim is sin."

Benjamin E. Mays



There is a depth in black history that far exceeds my youthful comprehension. It is hard for me to understand fully how simple words were able to give black slaves and segregated blacks the strength needed to make it through oppressed times.

Today we no longer have shackles on our hands and feet, but we are still in many ways bound by prejudice and discrimination.

Great leaders of the past were convinced that we would one day make it over and they prophesied visions of victory to us today.



**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

1929-1968

"We got some difficult days ahead, but it doesn't matter with me now, because I've been to the mountain top...and I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you, but I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land."

Martin Luther King Jr.



## On The Move

Few people get the opportunity to meet an African prince, watch the filming of a movie and attend a Nelson Mandela rally. But one Western senior did.

Shelia Bonner, a sociology major from Indianapolis, spent five weeks last summer in London, England. Bonner went to England as part of the Center for Cooperative Study in Britain program.

"No blacks have participated in the program and I wanted to take advantage of it," Bonner explained.

During her stay in England Bonner went to Cambridge, Oxford, Liverpool and Scotland.

Bonner said the food in England was different than what she was used to eating.

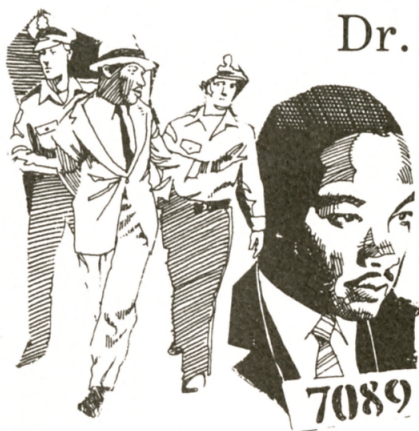
"The food was unique. They don't season food like we do in the states. One of their favorites was beef kidney pie," Bonner said.

Bonner said she met an African prince who was very rich and saw the filming of a movie called *Dangerous Love*. "I got a autograph from Oliver Reed," Bonner said.

Attending the Nelson Mandela rally was one of the highlights of Bonner's trip.

"I saw celebrities and people from all creeds and colors. People were crying; it was heartfilling."

Bonner encourages more blacks to go to England through the program. "You'll have the best time of your life," Bonner said. "I gained the experience of learning to communicate with whites. There was lots of unity there."



by Gwendolyn Fountain

Sketches by Renee Sparks

## Graduate Corner

# Four steps to prepare for graduate school now

### Graduate College

If you desire a graduate education, here are four steps that may help you now.

1. Improve your grade point average now.
2. Take your admission test(s) early.
3. Get your financial aid early.
4. Explore your graduate program options early and with a graduate school counselor.

GRE/GMAT information bulletins may be picked up at Cravens Graduate Center on the first floor of Cravens Library.

### 1988-89 Graduate Admission

#### Test Calendar

#### Registration Postmark Test

GRE

May 1, June 3, 1989

GMAT

May 15, June 17, 1989



# Helping Hands

## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

This federally funded project provides **counseling and free individual tutoring** for eligible participants. For further information, contact the program office in TPH 235, phone 745-4308.

## ACADEMIC COUNSELING & RETENTION

Free counseling services, advisement in course scheduling, study skills, etc. For more information contact the office at Potter Hall 109, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or call 745-2793.

## ACCOUNTING

Free tutoring for students who need help in elementary accounting classes (Accounting 200-201). Grise Hall, room 436 on Monday 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday 2-3:00 p.m. Call 745-3895 for more information.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS

Free typing lab in Grise Hall, rooms 523, 526, 530 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, when rooms are not being used in class sessions.

## AGRICULTURE

Free consultation with Department of Agriculture faculty members. Environmental Science and Technology Building, Room 268, by appointment. For further information contact Dr. Luther Hughes at 745-3151.

## ALLIED HEALTH

Free individual tutoring available in Dental Hygiene and Healthcare Information Systems classes for those who qualify. Possibly more services will be available later in the semester. For more information contact Dr. Ruby Meador at 745-2427.

## BIOLOGY

Study Hall for Biology 131, TCNW 210 and 212, M-TH 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Contact Wayne Mason 745-6012. This study hall is an opportunity for Biology 131 students

to study lab or lecture materials on their own. Assistance will sometimes be available. For private tutoring contact Barb Dykstra or Ben Howard at 745-3696.

## CHEMISTRY

Chemistry Learning Lab, Thompson Complex-North Wing Room 317. Monday-Thursday 10:30 a.m.-4:20 p.m. Contact Dr. N. W. Hunter at 745-3457.

## COMPUTER SCIENCE

Programming Consultation. Thompson Complex - Central Wing, room 233; Grise Hall, room 239; Science and Technology Hall, room 204. Monday-Friday 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Help is offered in debugging programs and with equipment problems. Contact Lab Assistant at 745-2541.

## ECONOMICS

Economics 206 (Statistics) Lab, Grise Hall Room 439. Open Monday, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Economics Department at 745-2249.

## ENGLISH

WRITING LAB. Cherry Hall 120. Hours 9:15-3:00 Monday-Thursday.

## FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Microcomputer Hardware/Business Software Lab, Grise Hall Room 336. Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

Free tutoring in biostatistics. Science and Technology Hall, Room 410C. Hours vary; contact Dr. Baum at 745-4797.

## INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

EET Course Tutoring. Science Technology Hall room 312, call John Carr at 745-5857 for appointment. Woodworking Opportunity Lab. Industrial Education Building room 101. Call Dr. Frank

Pittman at 745-5397 for appointment.

## MATHEMATICS

Math Lab, Thompson Complex-Central Wing. Lobby. Open:

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Friday 8: a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Sunday 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

## MODERN LANGUAGES AND INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

Beginning language students may get assistance in the departmental language laboratory.

Spanish/German/French/Russian Language practice labs, Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center, Spanish/German Room 240; French/Russian Room 248. Both labs open Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Contact Dr. Carol Brown at 745-2401.

## NURSING

Free Tutoring in nursing skills and counseling for Diabetic students. Academic complex 112D. Call Nancy Lindsey at 745-3758 to set up an appointment.

## OFFICE OF BLACK STUDENT RETENTION

Free counseling services, assistance in study skills social and personal problems, tutorial referrals. Contact Della Elliott, Potter Hall 120, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., or call 745-5066.

## PHYSICS

Call Dr. Humphrey at 745-6197 for more information.

## PSYCHOLOGY

Tutoring in Psychology 100. Tate Page Hall. Contact David Ball at 745-6314 for appointments.

## SOCIOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY & SOCIAL WORK

Free computer lab for Social Science Computing. For further information contact Dr. John Faine at 745-2291.

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*The Voice*, a bisemester newsletter prepared for black students at Western Kentucky University.

If you would like to submit writing or photographs to *The Voice*, please contact Gwendolyn Fountain at the Office of Black Student Retention for details. The Office number is 745-5086.

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